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The Fun Continues

Housing at Erindale has reached the crisis point. Mike Lavelle, housing director, has resorted to placing first year students in tents (cause they aren't important anyhow). Rather pleased with his idea, Mister Lavelle was heard to say, "Our new residences are the cheapest in Ontario; they are close to campus and close to each other." In the winter? "We'll have heaters installed. Of course if students abuse this we'll have to charge them extra. Energy conservation, you know." If you don't understand this caption you may well be a frosh.

Photo by Andy Pilacinski.

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Ontario's Ivory Tower Begins to Crack

TORONTO (CUP) – Closing post-secondary institutions in Ontario may be the only solution to chronic underfunding according to Alan Marchment, chair of the board of governors at Guelph University.

This was his reaction after last month's meeting between Ontario university administrators and Premier Bill Davis to discuss provincial funding of universities.

Discussions were not fruitful and the future looks bleak, particularly for Ontario universities which are, currently, funded less per capita than all other universities in the country, the Council of Ontario Universities (COU) said.

This year Ontario will spend $4,564 per university student compared to the national average of $5,597 per student. To bring Ontario universities up to the average would require an additional $170 million from the government.

The Council said that either accessibility of academic quality would continue to suffer if funding constaints remained. As it stands now, the Council said, dwindling funds over the past few years have led to poorly maintained buildings, below average laboratories and libraries and an exodus of faculty to the West and the United States.

"If there is not to be more money then the only way out might seem to be to close institutions" said Marchment.

All practical money-saving schemes have been applied at Ontario universities, the Council said. But there is only so far they can go before money-saving schemes damage the usefulness of a university education, said Council representatives.

Council member John Panabaker, President of Mutual Life of Canada, said he was impressed by "the extent to which the screws have been applied" in budgeting and energy conservation at McMaster University in Hamilton.

Panabaker, past chair of McMaster's board of governors, said universities are coping with inflation almost as well as private industry and business. But some cuts that would seem practical to business - such as increasing class size from 20 to 100 to save on salaries - would simply damage education, Panabaker said.

The alternative of closing down universities across the province is also "not palatable" according to the council. Every institution in the province is valuable to the total education picture, the council said.

The only action now being taken by the Council is proposing the development of a Research and Development Council. This council would be made up of university, industry and government officials who would put faculty and students in touch with companies and ministries on research projects. The COU hopes such a council would lessen universities dependence on government funding.

The council, said the COU, would encourage universities to specialize in research that is "Useful to society".

Although the plan would mostly benefit large research-oriented universities, the COU said smaller institutions would benefit if as they develop a particular specialty.

Although Premier Davis was said to have been "very encouraging" about the proposal for a Research and Development Council, there was no government response to the idea.

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MONTREAL 9 (CUP) – A protest at the Universite de Montreal against a hike in residence fees has turned into a legal tangle for one student.

Guy Heroux, a U de M student, has been charged by the school's administration with the theft and possession of more than $70,000.

At a general assembly of students last March, Heroux was given a mandate to collect the residence fees and hold them until the adminstration rolled back on 8½ per cent increase. The students are demanding that the residences fees be frozen at $82.00 a month for the next five years.

"Last year residence fees at the university increased 13.4 per cent and the year before that 20 per cent", said Martin Desrochers, secretry general for La Federation des Associations etudiants du campus de University de Montreal (FAECUM).

Desrochers said the residences have made a profit of $150,000 over the last five years.

However, the university's director of communications, Rejean Plamondon, did not know where the students got the profit figure.

"Residences are part of ancillary services and have to be self-financing," he said.

If the fees are not increased to offset rising costs, Plamondon added, other services such as cafeterias and parking would have to increase their fees.

Plamondon said the students had been given both oral and written notices warning of the consequences if the money was not released.

FAECUM is planning pressure tactics to protest the charges against Heroux. While some plans are being kept secret, Desrochers said they are considering withholding tuition fees. They also plan to picket and distribute fliers.

Desrochers said there lawyer had indicated that since Heroux did not steal the money from the university but withheld it with the consent of residence students the chances for acquittal were good.

The preliminary hearings postponed from last week will be held October 24th.

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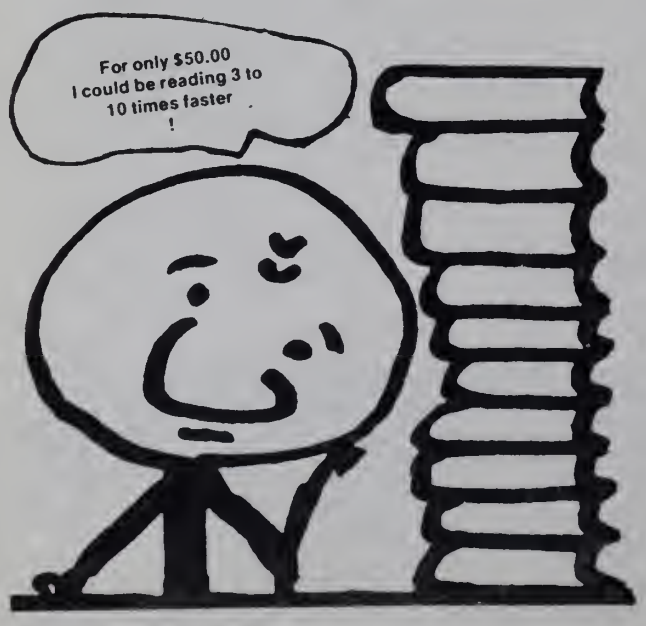

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Orientation: Something for everyone

By Stu Medlock

A week ago Thursday, ECSU kicked off its annual Orientation bash and provided the 170 frosh participants with all the fun, partying, and contraversey they could handle.

Highlighted by the SAC Roamaround and the problem-stricken Ariel concert, the frosh were given a generous taste of the lighter side of university life.

Plans for the "Orientation for Disorientation" began in mid-July as ECSU distributed some 1800 letters to prospective first year students outlining the three days of camp-out activities.

ECSU Accountant Patti Collins noted that "the overall pre-registration for Orientation was significantly lower than the previous year" however "many of the first year kids decided to get involved during registration week and made the best of what was available."

The weekend began with an outdoor concert featuring Ariel. formerly known as the Beatle band Liverpool. The problems with this event began early when the band manager phoned early on in the day of the performance to try to move the concert indoors. Apparently the band was concerned that the coolness of the evening air and the possibility of rain would hamper the show.

In response ECSU V.P. (Finance) Jeff Shain said, "The band agreed to play outdoors, we advertised the concert as such, and we expect them to hold up to their commitment."

That point was ironed out and the band provided to deliver a fine performance, mixing Beatle classics with material from their own albums. The crowd responded in an almost chaotic manner when the band's final set was completed with a string of songs from the Beatle's White Album.

It was approximately at this point, however, that further problems affected the otherwise enjoyable evening. One of the female orienteers passed out from drinking and was discovered by Erindale's security force. They decided that she might be in some serious difficulty and called an ambulance to take her to hospital. Fortunately all was well and she was able to return and finish the weekend activities.

In a separate incident, the band's organizers and ECSU assistants unwittingly left the Medium II office, which was being used for power access, open and and as a result a typewriter was stolen and a number of windows screens and a telephone were damaged. In all likelihood this was the action of Erindale students who have no respect for themselves or for their fellow students because it's going to cost everyone indirectly to restore the paper offices.

To further compound the difficulties of the ECSU organizers, the college received a number of complaints from the locals about the loudness and lateness of the concert which ended at about 2:00 a.m.

On Friday afternoon, some of the Orientation staff put together a package of fun recreational activities which greatly helped toward arousing the spirit of the frosh. This spirit continued through the course of the SAC Roamaround that evening.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to ECSU's now legendary "invitation activities. The activities included the "Frosh Photo", a pudding eating contest, a tug-of-war, and the ever popular obstacle course.

That evening the Pajama Pub provided the entertainment but later the scavenger hunt took place. This year's most outrageous find was a Peel Regional police cruiser complete with a constable.

Everyone must have been relieved when the three days of insanity were over. After this the frosh can consider classes an easy out.

Medium II offices were vandalized during recent Orientation activities. The old Margeson Hut hasn't been the same since. The Hut said, "They must really be tough, picking on a defenceless shack. They're all punks if you ask me."

Erindale: 1 Engineers: 0

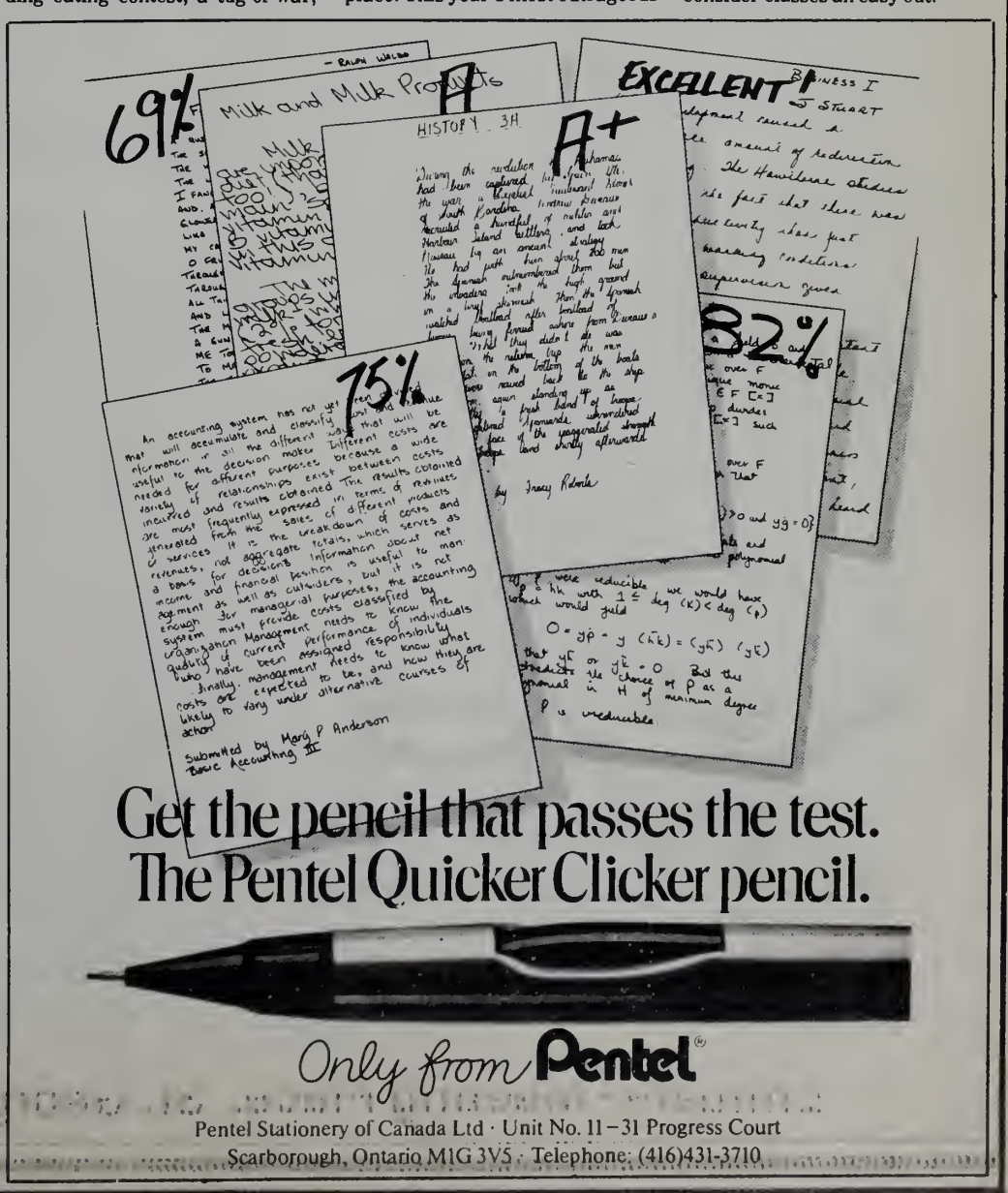
Frosh from the Faculty of Engineering got a close-up view of their Erindale counterparts during last Friday's SAC Roamaround. Four busloads made their way down to Varsity Stadium for the opening Blues football game against the McGill Redmen.

After watching the Blues hammer the Redmen in the first and most of the second quarter, the Erindale contigency moved from what is traditionally the public side of the stands to the students side.

After a lot of chestbeating and derogatory gestures made by the three main groups in the crowd, Erindale, St. Mike's, and the Engineers, the first half ended.

Then the Engineer's Lady Godiva Memorial Band took to the field and soon they were rushed by the Erindale and St. Mike's frosh and the band never quite got away. Ignoring their musical instruments, the frosh concentrated their attack on the engineers' prized helmets and flag.

The outcome was devastating for the Engineers. Most appropriate would be the old standard, "When one lives by the sword, one must be prepared to die by the sword."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Henrik Ibsen, Ghosts

Your University- and welcome to it

Once again, as scheduled, September has arrived and once again, as scheduled, another school year has begun. Many are the individuals who have come to this wonderland in order to attain a degree of some sort, for regardless of what you may have heard the main reason why most students are here is to obtain a diploma with their name on it. That point may very well have gone unnoticed during the activities of the past week but sooner or later we must all come face to face with essay deadlines, term tests, and other such nonsense, the purposes of which are to determine whether or not you will receive that sought-after piece of paper with your name on it.

We hope we haven't disturbed you by mentioning such unpleasant matters but the fact that there is work to be done is often forgotten over the course of the summer. Knowing the truth, there may now be some of you who wish to terminate their association with this institution. Those people are directed to go immediately to the Registrar's Office where they can ask for a refund.

Now that we've gotten rid of the riffraff, there is some good news for those of you who are still with us. Those assignments we mentioned aren't really all that much of a problem. They may be a bit of a nuisance at times, perhaps even interfering with other more important events every once in a while and forcing you to stay home one or two nights during a term, but if you put your mind to it you should be able to surpass those obstacles and become a Bachelor of something or another.

Now there is some better news for you. Although most students may come here to receive a degree, that is definitely not the only reason students come here. There are many other events occurring all about you during your stay here and it is important that you participate in these "events". There are clubs of all shapes and sizes that not only will let you learn about all sorts of things, without even paying tuition, but will introduce you to new people who may open doors for you that you never dreamed existed. There are opportunities to step out into "the real world" you may have read about and to interact with the various forces that there await you. And there are also opportunities for you to fall flat on your face, having miscalculated your progress or fallen prone to bad luck.

Now we have the best news of all for you. These two previous aspects of your university experience that we have mentioned are not at all separate from each other. They are part of the same thing, part of your preparation to enter that real world. You will have faced many challenges during your visit here, or will at least have had the opportunity to. You will have conquered some of them and been conquered by others. But you will be ready to face the real world. And with this readiness, who knows what will happen when you meet it? That's a question only you can answer.

And your paper

Excuse us for having been so rude but we forgot to introduce ourselves to you. The name of the paper is Medium II and it is published once a week throughout the winter session by students at Erindale College. We don't have any specific purpose, or if we do we're certainly not aware of it but we do try to inform and-or entertain. Of course we're not always successful but we give it our best shot and considering most of the people who put this paper out are full-time students, we, with all modesty possible, think we do a fair job.

This editorial is the last piece of paper being written and looking over what we've put together we can see some of our work isn't perfect but that won't stop us from putting out an issue again next week. We'll persevere and maybe some day we'll get it right.

If you'd like to join us help put this paper out then by all means do so. We're located in the Margeson Hut, by the Bank of Commerce. You can try us through the week but there may be no one in at the time. If so, and you're eager then drop by Monday since there's someone here pretty well the whole day and then some. We'll tell you more about the paper and you just might find you won't be able to leave. Then again, you might decide we're a bunch of idiots and leave immediately. Whatever the case, you should at least give us a try.

Tuesday, September 16

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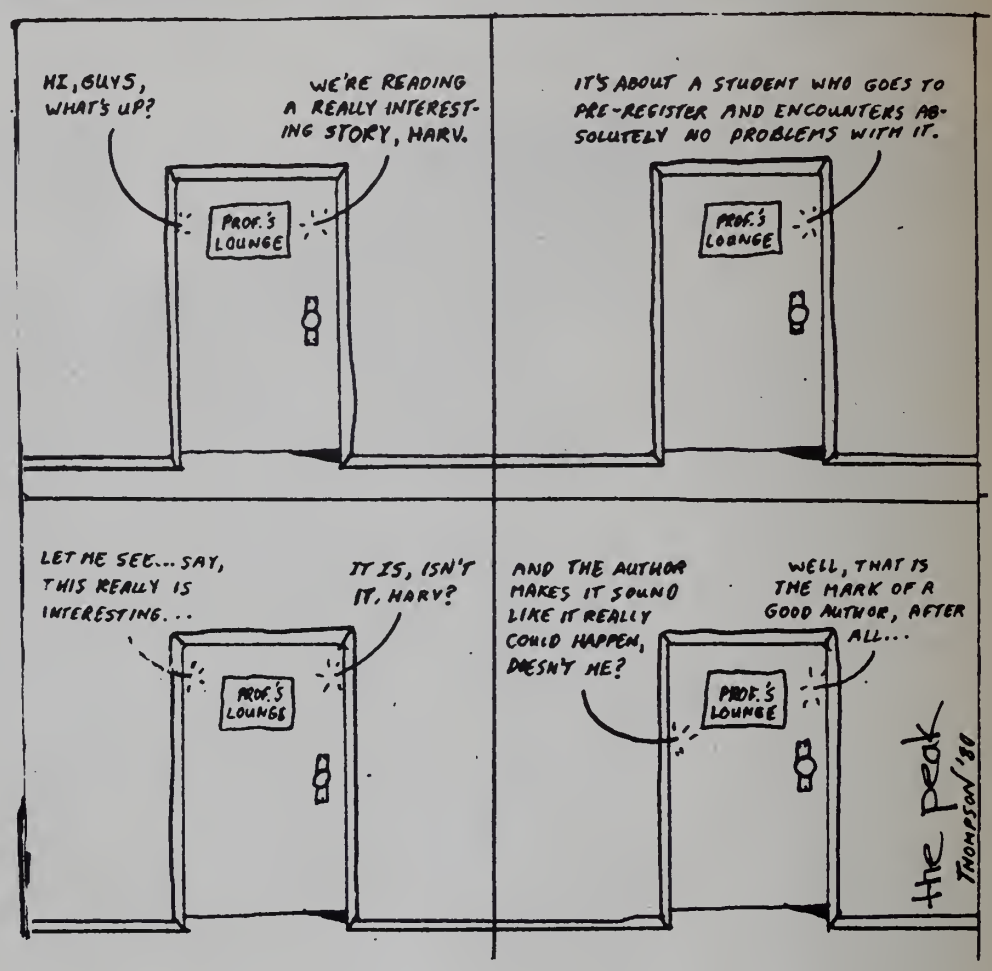
A meeting will be held in the Margeson Hut for all those interested in joining the staff of Medium II.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A University System in Decline

By Rory Leishman

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How many students are going to show up on university campuses across Canada this fall and in the years ahead? This is more than an academic question. At stake are literally thousands of faculty positions and millions of dollars in university funding.

Desperate to conserve both jobs and money in the face of an apprehended decline in enrolment, some universities have already resorted to lowering admission standards and debasing the quality of their undergraduate programs. A downward spiral has set in, which will be more and more difficult to reverse in the years ahead.

For next year, however, most universities should get a temporary reprieve. Last spring, they outdid themselves in competing for students. Such ploys as hard-rock radio jingles extrolling the pleasures of campus life at sound of the academically less distinguished universities seem to have had the desired effect on many high-school students. Preliminary statistics in Ontario indicate that university applications in the province are up by about three per cent over last year.

That's good news for the universities, whose funding is largely tied to enrolment. But taxpayers aren't likely to be too pleased to learn that the cost of the lavish recruitment drives by Ontario universities alone this year has exceeded $1 million.

Moreover, the hard sell, lower admission standards, and greater entrance "scholarships" are not likely to stave off a precipitous decline in university enrolment for more than two or three years at most. Sooner rather than later, the halving of the fertility rate for Canadian women, which occurred during the 1960s, is bound to have a drastic impact on the universities. To be specific, Statistics Canada projects that the 18-24 age group in Canada is now levelling off at about 3.4 million and will decline to less than 2.7 million by 1994.

It is conceivable that university enrolment could hold steady, if the participation rate - that is, the proportion of the 18-24 age group attending university - increases sharply; but that is not likely. In a report released last December entitled University Research in Jeopardy: The Threat of Declining Enrolment, the Science Council of Canada acknowledged that "there is a great deal of uncertainty in predicting participation rates."

"However," added the Council, "there is no doubt that the size of the 18-24 age group will decrease by about 20 per cent between 1982 and 1994. Therefore, it would seem reasonable to assume that full-time university enrolment will decrease by at least this amount over that period."

To drive home the enormity of this trend, the Council has noted that the anticipated reduction in the number of students attending university in 14 years is likely to approximate the present full-time enrolment at every university west of Manitoba.

During the past three years, a modest decline in university enrolment has already begun in several sections of the country, but matters have been made much worse for the universities by the failure of most provincial governments to increase operating grants by even as much as the pace of inflation. When the public clamors for spending restraint, it is relatively easy for politicians to clobber universities, because the damages caused by cutbacks in spending on higher education are difficult to compute and do not show up for several years.

A related factor has been adoption in 1977 of the federal established programs financing act, which changed the rules of the game for conditional grant programs in the fields of medicare, hospitals, and post-secondary education. The adverse impact on medicare has been well documented; the consequences for the universities in Ontario have been hardly less severe.

Pre-1977 Parity

Prior to 1977, each dollar allocated by the provinces to university operating grants was more or less matched by the federal government. Since then, the federal government has automatically increased its contribution to the provinces through a transfer of tax points and grants tied to growth in the gross national product, but the provinces have not followed through with corresponding increases to the universities. Indeed, the total increase in university operating grants by the Ontario government last year was less than the increase in the federal contribution alone.

Such stinginess is deplorable, but the hard truth is that not even the most generous provincial governments (with the exception of Alberta) can be expected to increase operating grants sufficiently to eliminate the necessity for universities to make drastic cutbacks in service and staffing in response to declining enrolment. Therein lies the essence of the crisis for the university system in Canada.

During the 1960s and early 1970s, a large number of young professors were recruited into the then rapidly growing universities. In 1977-78, only 17.9 per cent of faculty members were over age 50. The implication drawn by the Science Council is that only a 20 per cent reduction in faculty - just enough to match the expected drop in student enrolment - "could probably be obtained through normal attrition" during the next 14 years.

This, in turn, means that unless the present faculty: student ratio is reduced or professors start leaving the universities for reasons other than normal attrition, there will be no openings for new faculty members until about 1995. In the meantime, an entire generation of young scholars will be lost to the Canadian university system and that, says the Science Council, "would cause almost irreparable damage to the universities."

Perhaps the most alarming aspect of this crisis is that the universities are helpless to deal with it. There is excessive university autonomy. Spending restraint is not centrally co-ordinated, but left up to each university acting alone. Within each institution, the administration is largely beholden to the university senate, which is dominated by faculty, and the last place the faculty will look for budget cutbacks is in reduced teaching posts and lower salaries. Instead, they will first loot the libraries, plunder scientific equipment, and allow physical plant to deteriorate. The inevitable results will be poorer teaching and worse research.

Compelling evidence to support this alarming proposition is contained in the latest report of the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA), an independent advisory body to the Davis government. Since enrolment peaked in Ontario in 1976-77, the value of books and periodicals purchased by Ontario universities out of operating income has declined by more than 18 per cent. In the opinion of OCUA, "the decline in funds available is now causing real difficulty in the ability of universities to maintain adequate collections."

Between 1976-77 and 1977-78, university expenditures out of operating income for equipment and furniture in Ontario increased only 5.4 per cent. Preliminary figures for the following two years indicate that spending in this area actually declined. Last fall, OCUA estimated that Ontario universities were spending out of their operating funds just slightly more than one-half of the $45 million a year that is required to maintain their existing inventories of equipment and furniture.

What has happened to the number of professors during these years? A drop did not occur until 1978-79, when the number of faculty members was somewhat less than 0.3 per cent below the peak set in the previous year. During those same two years, enrolment in Ontario universities dropped more than five per cent. (The figures represent both full-time and part-time faculty and enrolment, measured in equivalent full-time units.)

For one reason or another, few senior faculty members protected by tenure have accepted salary restraint as a means of saving jobs for junior colleagues. Contract settlements for Ontario university professors last year provided for income increases averaging close to eight per cent (six per cent as a standard, plus another two per cent for progress through the ranks). In the words of the OCUA report, it is now "extremely difficult for universities to offer teaching and research careers to young people".

This, then, is the nature of the universities' crisis. What should be done about it?

In the first place, provincial governments might fund early-retirement programs for professors which would make it possible for universities to hire some talented young faculty members in the years ahead. Another proposal would be for the provincial governments to increase university funding for books, periodicals, furniture, and scientific equipment in the form of conditional grants, which could not be used to finance faculty salaries. But these would only be partial solutions.

Saving the quality of the Canadian university system requires not just across-the-board retrenchment, but consolidation. In the words of the Science Council, "In the interests of good scholarship, as well as economy, inter- university transfers of faculty members and facilities in specialized areas should be undertaken whenever they are likely to fall below the critical mass in a particular university, and when the transfer could bolster a more flourishing activity in another university.

"Today, such action may seem drastic," admits the council, "but in the long run a rational redistribution of specialization among universities may be the only way to avoid mediocrity in many areas. Public regard for the universities and the preservation of their autonomy would be greatly enhanced if the universities would initiate such action themselves."

This last observation is a pipe dream. To cite just one example, there are now seven schools of library science affiliated with Canadian universities. It is certain that all of them cannot maintain their current standards of teaching and research as enrolment drops. But is it conceivable that the University of British Columbia might agree to drop voluntarily its library science program so that a larger and better one can be maintained at the University of Toronto (or vice versa)? Not very likely.

Such interprovincial consolidation could best be directed by an agency of the federal government, but under pressure of the provinces, Ottawa has renounced all responsibility for university administration. No other industrialized country has a central government with so little influence over university affairs.

Of course, considerable consolidation among the several universities of Ontario and Quebec could be directed by their respective provincial governments. But this is not a task for politicians who, for obvious reasons, should not have responsibility for evaluating university departments. Besides, both Ontario Colleges and Universities Minister Bette Stephenson and her Quebec counterpart, Jacques-Yvan Morin, have made clear that they don't want to take the political heat for ordering regional universities to axe programs.

Below, ECSU accountant Patti Collins looks as if she's just about ready for the Biz bag after having joined the common people for a round of "Throw Muck at Patti", a game that's sure to become even more popular in the future.

Photo by Jeff Shain

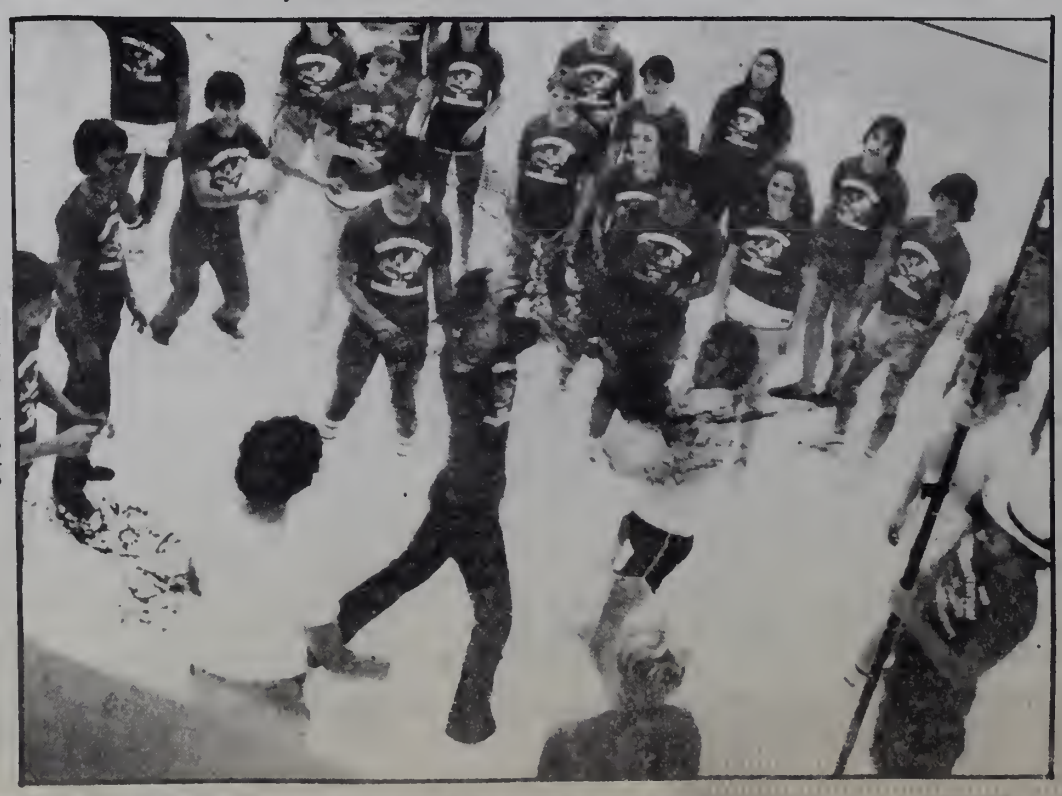
To the left, the victors in the Orientation Tug of War Tournament bit off more than they could chew when they challenged the South Building to a winner take all match. The match was still in progress at press time but apparently the South Building is standing firm.

Photo by Jeff Shain

ORIENTATION 1980

Photo by Jeff Shain

To the right, this event had no purpose that we know of but nonetheless seems to be enjoyed by all onlookers. At least it's better than watching television - we guess.



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Above, ECSU President Rene Papin is a firm believer that clothes make the m an. Here he models the latest in mashed potato wear, a trend Papin feels has yet to reach its potential. Papin has not yet worn his much talked about pumpkin pie outfit. "Wait until Halloween," says Rene.

medium II Performance

Eastern Wind Blows Afoul

By Chrys Czulo

It becomes a natural progression for any artist to crave success at some point in his/her career. Most reach success "overnight" with a hit single, even though previous years included touring eight days a week. Some, like Chris De Burgh, have cult followings even after superlative LP's and soldout miniconcerts.

There is no doubt that with the release of EASTERN WIND, Chris De Burgh seeks commercial acceptance. The majority of the songs are timed perfectly in length to be airplayed. The storyteller has modernized his tales, the musical content is never overblown. Yet, the 'Crusader' that we have come to know and love has vanished in the 1980's. I remember my first taste of SPANISH TRAIN ... I just could not get enough of the LP, and wore out the vinyl with constant playing. Not so with EASTERN WIND, I'm afraid.

Oh, sure, the haunting vocals of De Burgh are prevalent, the lyrical content similar to the balladeer of the past. Something remains unacceptable; it could possibly even be the easygoing flippant attitude of De Burgh himself. He wants to be recognized, he wants to be commercially successful. His obvious acknowledgement of his demands of acceptance by the masses makes him a minstrel gone astray.

From the beginning of EASTERN WIND to the closing track, the music is tainted with overbearing success-oriented, mass-produced sound qualities. However, even with the obvious sales pitch, De Burgh's magical balladeer style comes through on the better tracks. The title track, for example, captures both imagination and harmony lacking on the commercialistic songs.

"Wall of Silence" does manage to portray the vocal strengths of Chris, notably within the verses of the song; De Burgh finds the haunting qualities he left behind in CRUSADER and SPANISH TRAIN - previous LP's that lent themselves to emotional reactions.

The track "Flying Home", although crassly portraying a typical band's life on the road, offers musical tidbits to offset the bad tastes already found in the palate of the listeners. Here and there, De Burgh settles the queasiness with his natural talent as an entertainer.

In retrospect, EASTERN WIND offers commercialism offset by talent. The minstrel has gone electric, yet his best material remains acoustic. Perhaps in time, Chris De Burgh will realize that he already had the winning formula of success within his grasp; he just let it slip from his fingers.

Review of Chris De Burgh's concert in next week's paper.

Alice Cooper: back from the dead

By Luciano DiGuglielmo

The absolutely last thing I expected to hear this past summer was another Alice Cooper album.

Hell, I thought that the early king of macabre rock was dead long ago, having embalmed himself with several years worth of 180 proof whiskey and with a grave that was surely at the bottom of a giant empty can of Budweiser. But last spring, just as I was about to give up rock and roll completely (I mean who wouldn't after buying the monks album), "Clones" blasted out of the radio and I thought to myself, "Shit, if this isn't Mr. Vincent A. Furnier himself, and whadaya know - he doesn't sound half bad at all!" Certainly not like the washed-up, broken-down, empty hack that I had imagined he was.

Yep, without a doubt the manic chicken chopper, baby-doll killer was back full tilt with two sides of ballsy, high energy rock and roll. Flash the Fashion is not only a great title, it is also a bloody great album that rivals the best work that Alice has done since the start of his 'wierdo' career.

After all, "School's Out" and "I'm Eighteen" were marvellous anthems of youthful consciousness at the time, and the songs contained on this album cut no less deeper. The approach is definitely new wavish, with the synthesizers, glippy vocals and all, but the style is steadfastly Alice.

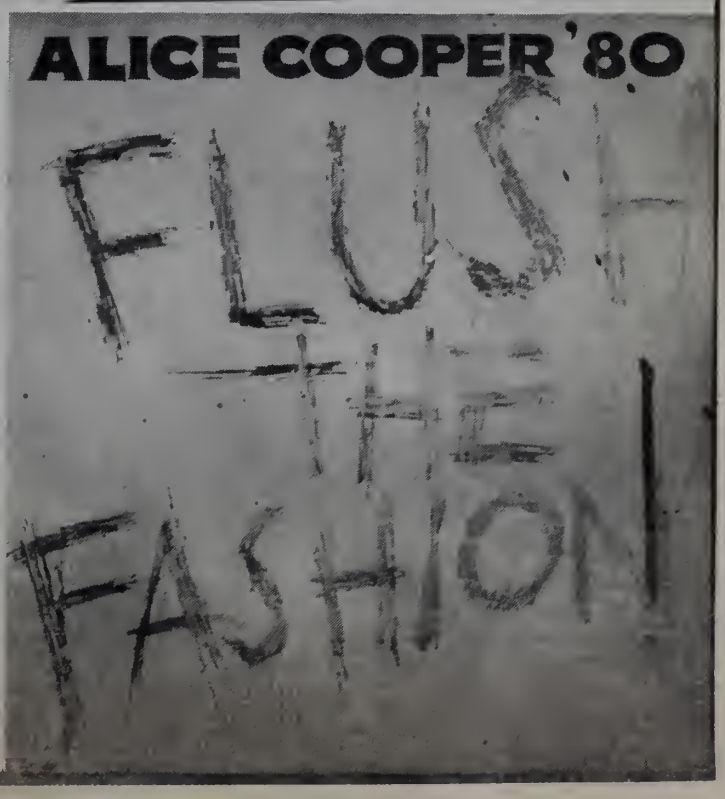
The songs are all razor-edged and gut-hard, nothing like the syrupy claptrap that was on Welcome To My Nightmare, Alice's last blighted gasp before he faded into oblivion. Instead we get a welcome return to the originality that was found on Love It To Death, Killer, and School's Out.

The back-up musicians, for example, are for the first time in years competent enough so that they don't downgrade Cooper's stylish approach to singing. Davey Johnstone, Elton John's one time guitarist, is included here, but it is Fred Mandel on the Keyboards that gave the album its flavour - the subtle feeling that fools you into thinking that you are listening to an album of the 80's.

Of course, Alice and his pals know damn well that they aren't doing anything that is new, or even particularly innovative. But Baker gives the sound such a clean, crisp, and hard-edged quality that the effect is that you are listening to a new brand of music.

The lyrics, mostly written by Alice, also have a hand in the effect. The album is loaded with social commentary, which is one of the reasons it is so refreshing. From "Aspirin Damage", a lively and funny jab at pill-popping to the raunchy "Dance Yourself To Death", a biting satire on parents who try to be hip, the album runs the gamut of 80-ish cynicisms. Take some of the other titles for example - "Nuclear Infected", "Model Citizen", and the excellent single "Clones". None of these songs are nearly as bad as most Devo-esque new wave songs turn out to be. In fact, all of them are quite good, with a little extra raunch in them.

Sure the lyrics drivel into outright silliness much of the time but you have to listen to this album with an appreciation of Cooper's sense of humour. If you can grasp that, the album is simply fun to listen to.



Queen Plays A Hot Game

By: Fred Dea

When I hear that rock and roll,
It gets down to my soul,
When it's real rock and roll

Queen has always come on as a bunch of competent rockers, except this reviewer has been reluctant to accept them for what they are for two reasons. The first is a song called "Life is a Minestrone", released long ago, which falls into the same inane class as Ted Nugent's "Wango Tango." The second reason was "We are the Champions", not too bad really, but perhaps the only rock song to receive extensive airplay on Hockey Night in Canada.

For those two reasons, this reviewer could never bring himself to consider seriously anything that **Queen** did.

With **The Game**, **Queen** seems to have struck paydirt. A lot of more popular bands have had hit albums from which only one hit single has emerged. Eight of the 10 tunes played by Freddie Mercury and Company have already received extensive airplay, and the last two aren't bad either. My apologies Freddie, and congratulations on a fine effort.

The strength of the album lies in Mercury's dominating vocals and John Deacon's bass guitar. Brian May throws in some good guitar riffs which are intermittent at best. Mercury's vocals range from the gentle love ballads like the title track, "Play the Game," and "Need Your Loving Tonight", songs which are the definitive Queen, to the heavy metal "Dragon Attack" and "Rock It".

"Rock It (Prime Jive)" is **Queen** at their best. What starts out with a slowly crooning Mercury turns into, well, Prime Jive.

The Game advertises itself as featuring the first appearance of a synthesizer on a **Queen** album. **Queen's** piano and organ are already proven, so the addition of synthesizers is a logical progression. Rock fans undoubtedly will think of **Led Zeppelin's** "Carouselambra", which **Led Zep** fans charitably described as "a lot of useless syntheizer." Fortunately **Queen** is not given to such excesses, and their syntheizer fits in nicely.

Queen also flirts with New Wave in "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" and "Don't Try Suicide". The latter song, which has guitar work reminiscent of **Police**, may best describe a rock band's true feelings toward New Wave: "Don't do that - ...Nobody gives a damn."

In a day and age when the **Rolling Stones** are starting to sound like the **BeeGees**, it is good to know that some of the British rockers can still dish it out. If you want to hear good old fashioned, but modern sounding, rock, "Play the Game," and rock it tonight.

Medium II: Serving Erindale Students For Seven Years

The Shape of Things to Come

On Thursday, September 4, at the Hotel Toronto, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation officially launched their 1980-81 television season. Emphasis this year has been placed on upgrading and improving many of the current shows, in an attempt to reach out and get involved in the community.

The number one priority will remain the same as before, that being news. 'Newsfinal', formerly 'Final Edition' will no longer be a step-sister to 'Newshour'. As well, "Newshour' will increase its commitment to indepth features, becoming even more informative on all issues that affect the community.

Aside from the news, Canada's internationally acclaimed pianist Oscar Peterson will be presenting a 12-week jazz series beginning in October. "The Barbara McLeod Show" will be taking a page from 'The Phil Donahue Show', having a live studio audience to take an active part in the show. Nostalgia freaks should be happy this season as shows such as 'The Lone Ranger', 'Sergent Preston', and 'The Alfred Hitchcock Hour' return to late night television.

Lights! Camera! Action!

'Reach For The Top', the highly successful quiz show for students returns for yet another season but at a new date, Monday at 7:30. Finally, Naomi Loeb, from the 'Kowalski-Loeb Report' goes it on her own this season with 'The Loeb Report'. Three new shows are scheduled for the new season. They are 'Ritter's Cove', 'Flappers', and 'The Pheonix Team'.

However, the highlight of the 80-81 season, particularly to those students who are interested in broadcasting, is the sponsorship by the CBC of "Telefest '81", a competition for young filmmakers from Ontario universities and community colleges.

"Telefest '81" is part of this new trend for the CBC towards community involvement. In making the announcement, Don Goodwin, Director for the Ontario region said that, "CBC Telefest '81" will provide students from the Ontario region an opportunity to show their work to a wide audience, and will give CBC viewers the opportunity to sample high quality video and film work, especially that which stems from regional concerns and reflects regional culture".

Students will be asked to submit their individual or group media projects to their own schools which will then select their representatives from "CBC telefest '81". Then each institution submits their selected projects to the CBC for evaluation and announcement of the finalists.

Competition categories consist of videotape projects (short and long), and an overall grand champion. All participants will receive scrolls in recognition of their contribution to the competition.

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Not Hot Enough, Not Even Close

By Andrew Gemza

With so many new and upcoming bands playing new wave music; and every garage where guitarists' live, resounding with the sound of heavy metal, the music industry has been diluted with a collection of weak four or five man ensembles trying to become the sound of the eighties. FIST with their album, entitled HOT SPIKES, is one of these bands.

Coinciding with their first release, Fist embarked on an extensive tour of Ontario, in an attempt to break the barrier of the garage door and enter the music listener's oasis. This plan of attack seems to have succeeded. Largely due to their tour, the album has seen a moderate increase in sales, to the point where it can not be seen on the front racks of several record stores.

The album, produced by George Senkin was completed in a remarkable five weeks. Unfortunately, throughout the album, this desire towards a quick release becomes obvious. The songs are blended together. The sound is mushed up, at times becoming garbled, and a cleanliness in the production is lacking. It is almost as if the band were trying to hide their playing talents.

The album is a blend of heavy metal and new wave, a sound that reaches out to everyone but grabs only one or two. In what sounds like an attempt to copy Steve Miller introductions, keyboard player Ed Eagan fills the void between many cuts in a blase synthetic at tempt to enrich the beginnings of his songs. Fortunately, the group does show the potential talent to succeed in the music field. "Hot Spikes", the title cut, and "Alimony", two of Ron Chenier's creations save each side. His 'Randy Bachman' drone and Ted Nugent style of guitar work bring some identity to the band, which otherwise lacks in direction and stability.

Seeing Fist in a bar, or in an outdoor concert would most likely rattle your ears, but their top 40 sound does little to entice the listener. For a west end Ottawa band, Fist could very well start to sell. Some promotion and identity with their talents could give that needed edge to leave the producer's board and enter into the collections of many.

Housing: B.C. Students To Live In Tents

BURNABY (CUP) – Many British Columbia university and college students will start the year off living in trailers, tents and school lounges.

The universities of Victoria and British Columbia, Simon Fraser University and the British Columbia Institute of Technology are all facing critical housing shortages. The vacancy rate in the cities of Vancouver, Victoria and Burnaby is officially set at .01, although representatives of the British Columbia Federation of Students (BCSF) say the rate may be below zero.

BCSF is helping the student councils on the four campuses set up temporary accommodations. Plans for widespread "tent cities" have been abandoned because of organizational problems although some students may still live in tents until permanent housing can be found.

At UBC, there were 4,000 names on a waiting list for residences as of early August. The off-campus housing office lists 15 to 20 accommodations per day, which are usually rented within two hours.

Mattresses will be brought into the basement of residences and other UBC buildings for the stranded students.

Similar measures will be taken at SFU, Doug Fleming, External Relations Officer of the SFU student society said August 19 that the off-campus housing office receives 40 requests daily from students, but can only provide 20 vacancies per day. He projected that between 400 and 1,000 students will not have accommodations before the beginning of the semester.

William Stewart, SFU director of student services, said his office will consider giving priority in off-campus housing to students lodged in the temporary quarters on campus.

BCIT Housing Manager, Val Karpinski, has arranged for 44 students to be housed in three trailers on that campus until permanent accommodations can be found for them. Although they have no cooking or shower facilities, "at least the students will have a bed and a roof over their heads," Karpinski.

Student representatives from UVIC reported in early August that as many as 1,000 students may not be able to find places to live by September.

"Some students slept overnight in line outside the residence office to be among the first to submit their applications," said a UVIC student representative.

BCSF will be lobbying federal politicians in the areas in September to make money available for building residences.

University decline cont'd

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What both provinces need is an independent university council composed of laymen and academics exercising executive authority in a manner similar to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. Creation of just such a council was recommended in 1972 in the prescient report of the Wright Commission on Post-secondary Education in Ontario. The chief purposes of this council, the commission suggested, "should be, not the administering of the programs and universities under its jurisdiction, but the planning and co-ordination of an orderly development of its sector of post-secondary education in the closest consultation with the universities and related voluntary associations."

A similar proposal for Quebec was made in the May 1979 report of the Commission d'etude sur les universities (Commission Angers). So far neither the Ontario nor Quebec governments have acted on these recommendations. The longer they delay, the more certain will be a serious decline in the quality of their universities.

Nationally, there can be no hope of sustaining let alone improving, the quality of the Canadian university system unless the federal government assumes responsibility for promoting centres of excellence. Ideally, Canada should have at least one outstanding institution which could rival in academic achievement the great universities of the United States, France, or Great Britain. But that's an impossibility for Canada, because the federal and provincial governments could never agree on where that single best university should be located.

Alternatively, an independent grant-giving agency of the federal government could identify and promote superior departments at universities across the country. For example, the economics department at Western, the political studies department at Queen's, the commerce school at the Universite de Montreal, and the English department at the University of British Columbia could all be targeted for special federal development grants, which could be made contingent upon hiring new young faculty members.

It would not take much additional federal money on top of regular provincial funding to enable recipient departments to attract the best professors and purchase the best equipment necessary to outstanding teaching and research. The result would be centres of superior quality which would surely have a positive impact on the rest of the university system.

For the federal and provincial governments to do nothing to save the universities would be disastrous.

Rory Leishman, editorial writer with The London Free Press, is also adjunct professor at University of Western Ontario's school of journalism.

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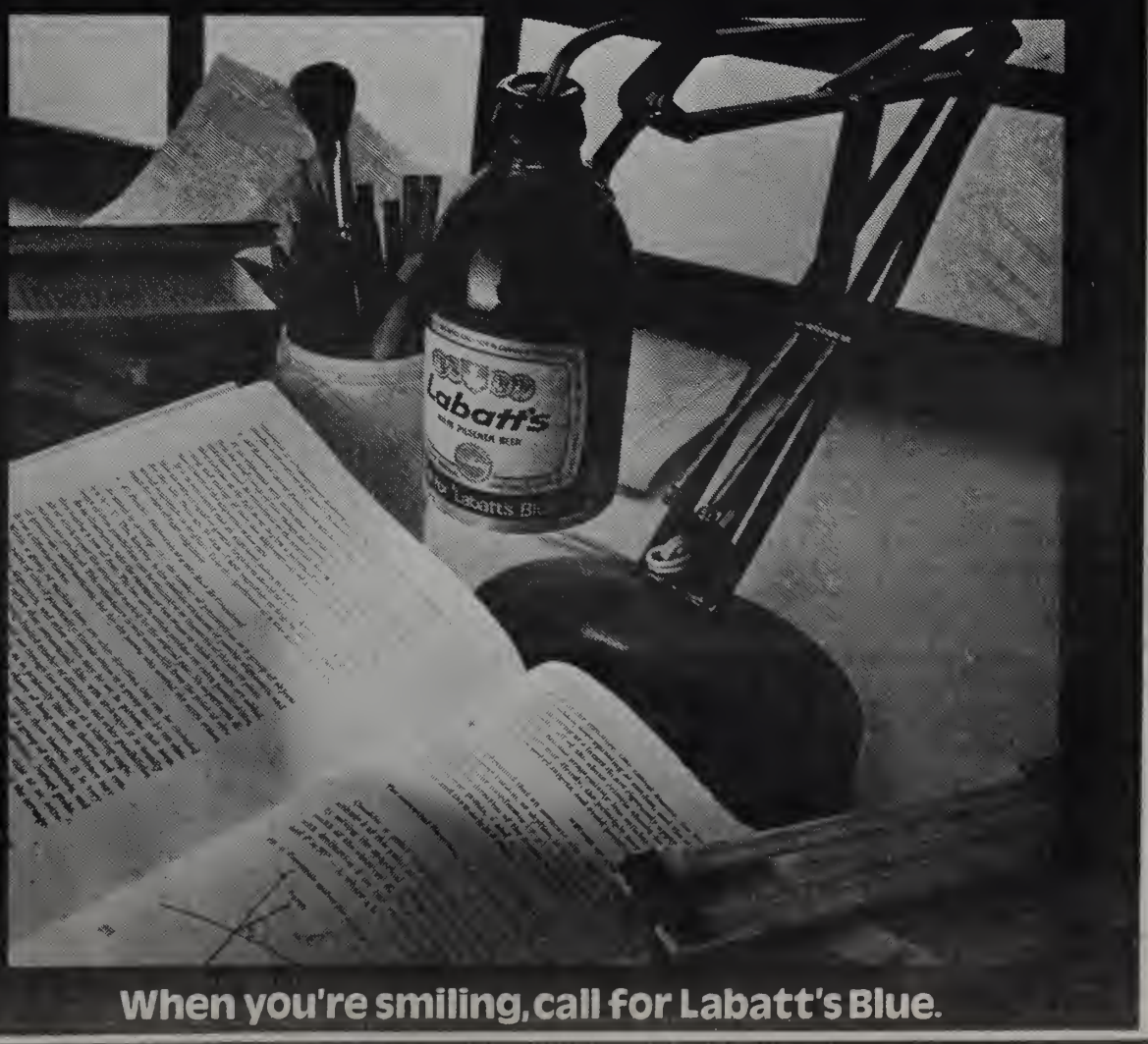

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Our Wide World of Sports

This fall the Erindale Athletic department is offering a wide range of activities for students. From the competitive small college football league to the instructional courses in yoga their is a program to suit your capabilities and interest. Erindale athletics offers two levels of competition in most sports. These include the inter-Collegiate or Interfaculty teams and intra-mural squads.

The intercollegiate and interfaculty teams require a high degree of commitment from the players. However, this high level of competition is available for those who are interested in developing athletic skills to complement their educational studies.

Intramurals are strictly for fun with the only prequisite to participate being enthusiasm. The competition becomes fierce at times. The 22 teams involved in last year's floor hockey league is evidence of the potential for intramural activities at the college. There are also clubs and instruction classes listed below for those who wish to pursue activities in their spare time.

General Information About the Athletic Facilities

The Athletic office is in Room 1114 in the South building (next to the bookstore) and is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The facilities are located one floor below and are open till 9 p.m.

Students may purchase athletic lockers and towel service at a charge of $12.00. Three hour lockers are also available for 25-cents. The activity equipment will be available in exchange for student I.D. cards. Racquets and 10-speed bikes may be rented for a small fee.

Squash

Erindale has three squash courts located beside the weight room on level 1 in the South building. Squash court reservations must be made at the "Den", Room 0116, up to 48 hours in advance. Their is a squash ladder for those wishing to upgrade competition.

Excellence Teams (Inter-Collegiate)

Rowing - Men & Women

Did you ever want to be good at a sport but couldn't seem to find the right one? Perhaps rowing is your thing. Rowing out of the Don Rowing Club, the men's and women's teams compete against other universities in Ontario, in novice, junior varsity, and varsity categories. The coaches make sure all who come out will compete so everyone is welcome. (Some conditioning would be helpful). A high degree of commitment is expected on this team as practices are Monday to Friday mornings with regattas on Saturdays. Sign up in the Athletic office. Practices start the first week in September.

Football

Were you on a high school football team? If so, we are looking for you. This will be our fourth and most successful season in the small college league but we need several first year players to maintain the balance of youth and experience which the team depends on. If you're interested leave your name at the Athletic office.

Cross Country

This will be the third season for the Erindale men's and women's cross country team. A successful second year saw our athletes compete in both University and College meets as well as road races and our own annual cross country meet. If you run and are interested in the opportunity to compete against serious runners or would like to join in friendly competition, this team is for you. Leave your name at the athletic office and start training now.

Men's Teams Interfaculty Basketball

The men's interfaculty basketball team is designed for those students who wish to play at a level about intramural. Next year we're looking forward to having an outstanding team but new members are needed to replace the graduates. Practices will start in late October. There are no more than two practices a week and after games start, one game and one practice a week. The season is from November to March.

Volleyball

Traditionally, the men's volleyball team has had several excellent players; however, it has lacked the depth provided by new members. Consequently the team makes the playoffs but hasn't had that extra team effort needed to win. Practices are weekly plus games and the season begins Wednesday, September 17 from six to eight in the gym.

Soccer

The men's soccer team broke through its jinx by beating Scarborough in the finals and winning the inter-faculty soccer championship. Rookies are welcome! First practice on the field 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 10.

Lacrosse

The Erindale Warriors Lacrosse team has been undefeated for the past four years, winning the Dafoe Cup in 1979-80 for the sixth time in the past 10 years. The team may be hard pressed to continue its impressive record as graduation has claimed almost half of last year's players.

Practice begins September 11 so don't wait to read about it in Medium II (which of course you are now doing); sign up early in the athletic office.

Ice Hockey

Our men's interfaculty hockey team is for players who are interested in high level competitive hockey and who are willing to commit themselves to an exhibition schedule as well as league games. The team has made the playoffs for the past four years and a new coaching staff this year is eager to see the team go all the way. As several members of the team have graduated, prospective players are encouraged to leave their names in the Athletic office. Season starts September 25 from 5:30 to 7:00 at Meadowvale 4 Rinks.

Sign up for any of these sports in the athletic office

Women's Team Interfaculty Field Hockey

The women's field hockey team begins its season in September. First practice will be on their field September 9. The team, named the Hustlers, plays in the interfaculty league in which they have been in the playoffs for the last five years and were champions in 1977. This year the team is planning an expanded schedule with travel to local universities to play Varsity B teams. No experience is necessary, just a desire to play and the dedication to work hard. Practices and interfaculty games are early in the morning so as not to conflict with classes or study time.

Erindale Warriors watch on as an unfortunate teammate tries to pull head out of blocking sled.

Photo Credit: Andy Pilacinski

Basketball

Did you play basketball in high school? Women's basketball at Erindale enjoyed a resurgence last year which saw the Hustlers reach the playoffs. As the team has several returnees, big things are expected from the squad this year. However, women are needed to complete the roster. First practice begins September 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Volleyball

Last year the Hustlers had one of the best teams in the league, enjoying an undefeated season until they were upset in the finals by a talented Saint Mike's squad. This year they hope to go all the way. Rookies are needed to fill out the squad. Practices begin on Thursday, November 6 at 8:00 a.m.

Ice Hockey

Women's Ice Hockey at Erindale has become one of the favourite past-times for female students. Experience is not an essential prerequisite but a willingness to learn and honest dedication is imperative. Practices are usually once a week with one game a week during the regular season. Transportation is available to all. Practices and games and all notices are posted on the bulletin board outside the athletic office. In addition to league play, Erindale hosts its own invitational tournament which provides excellent competition and lots of fun! So if you are interested in supplementing your academic year training with some invigorating and enjoyable activity, contact Mrs. Geri Fitch in Room 1114, Athletic office.

SIDELINES

By Fred J. Ablenas

Some of you may recognize me as last year's sports editor. That post is now held by **Mike Borscok**, but that doesn't mean readers of **Medium II** have heard the last of me. A year after taking that position, experience dictates this particular column.

Get Involved

As the reader is undoubtedly aware, this newspaper is available free of charge. The costs of printing are subsidized by advertisements and your incidental student fees. A lot of students go through their three or four or whatever number of years as an undergraduate without doing anything more than going to lectures, turning in assignments, and writing exams.

There are a wide variety of extra-curricular activities at Erindale, the most popular of which has to be the sports program. Especially for those whose future lies in the scholastic field, the college offers a chance to participate in athletics at a level students may never get another chance at. For instance there's the **Football Warriors**, who will take you to see the world, or at least Scarborough, Kingston, North York and Oakville.

Even better participating on the field, consider a career as a Medium II sportswriter. Last year many of our correspondents doubled as members of the various teams. But you don't have to be a member of a team to write. Remember: those who can, do; those who can't write for Medium II.

Amateur journalists have a golden opportunity at Medium II. It is easy to get printed, and never underestimate the power of the printed word. What is said in the cafeteria or on the radio echos off the wall and is forgotten, but the printed word lasts as long as the paper, and stays until everyone interested can read it at his or her own leisure. Lord knows, mistakes are thus immortalized too, but the rewards, the satisfaction of appearing in print outweight the risks. The point is, if you see this paper and are toying with the notion of writing sports for **Medium II**, drop by and see what you think. A lot of graduates echo the sentiments that they wish they had gotten involved with **Medium II**. Perhaps no one ever got rich writing for this paper, but there's more to life than money.

John F. Kennedy once said: "Some people make things happen, some people watch what happens, and some people wonder... What happened?" Don't be shy, write for Medium II and tell people what happened. Along the way you may find that you are making things happen as well.

Thank You Readers

When you write your opinions about something you really commit yourself. Anyone involved in an argument can always reverse their position and say "I don't say that." An opinion in the newspaper is there for everyone who reads it, or misreads it, to think about. When someone expresses something that the reader agrees with, the reader feels content and that is the end of the matter.

The great thing about writing for a newspaper is that you get to meet people, particularly irate people or people who feel that they have been maligned. It has been often that the writer of Sidelines has been called by name by a total stranger who then proceeded to disagree with something in the paper and explain to the author why he is reminiscent of a certain bovine product that is used to increase the fertility of flower beds. Fortunately this doesn't happen with any great frequency, and at least the author has the satisfaction of knowing that some one has read his material.

If you want to get in on the action, this is your chance. You won't know if you like it unless you try it.

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